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## Publishers Note

Dear Readers,

Islâm is the religion of truth revealed for the benefit of mankind for all times, all nations and all places. Islâm regulates the course of life to bring peace in this world and eternal success in the Hereafter.

In this book, all the important and fundamental aspects of Islâm are described in an easy form of questions and answers so that the basic concept may be inscribed in the minds of the readers.

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*In the Name of Allâh,  
The Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful*

All praise is due to Allâh, we praise Him and seek His help, and beg His forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allâh from the evil of our souls and from the wickedness of our deeds. Whoever is guided by Allâh cannot be led astray, and whoever He leads astray will find no one to guide him.

I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped but Allâh, Who has no partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger.

These are some important questions about Islâmic Doctrine which I have answered, mentioning the proof-texts from the Qur'ân and correct and authenticated *Ahâdîth* (true traditions and sayings of the Prophet ﷺ) so that the reader may be satisfied with the correctness of the answers. This is necessary because the Doctrine of Allâh's *Tawhîd* (Monotheism, Oneness) is the foundation of man's happiness in this world and in the Hereafter.

I ask Allâh to benefit the Muslims with this work and to make it purely for His sake.

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## I. THE PILLARS OF ISLÂM

**Q.1 The Angel Gabriel (Jibreel) said: "Oh Muhammad, tell me about Islâm."**

**A.** The Prophet ﷺ answered: Islâm is:

1. To bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped but Allâh and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allâh (and that he was sent by Allâh to teach us His religion).
2. And to establish *As-Salâh* (prayer) — (that is to perform it correctly with sincerity and humility).
3. And to pay *Az-Zakâh*.<sup>1</sup>
4. And to observe *Sawm* (fasting) during the month of Ramadhân — (by avoiding food, drink and sexual intercourse from dawn to dusk).
5. And to perform *Hajj* (to make pilgrimage to the House of Allâh — the Sacred Mosque at Makkah where the *Ka'bah* is located) if he is able to do so (i.e. make the journey).

(Muslim)

<sup>1</sup> A certain fixed portion of the wealth and each and every kind of property liable to *Az-Zakâh* owned by a Muslim to be paid yearly for the benefit of the poor in the Muslim community. The payment of *Az-Zakâh* is obligatory, as it is one of the five pillars of Islâm.



## II. THE PILLARS OF FAITH

**Q.1 The angel Gabriel (Jibreel) then said: "Tell me about *Imân* (Faith)."**

**A.** The Prophet ﷺ answered: "Faith is to believe in:

1. Allâh

[That He is the Creator and that only He has the right to be worshipped, and that He has Names and Attributes (referred to in the Qur'ân and *Sunnah*) and that:

﴿لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ﴾

'There is nothing like unto Him and He is the All-Hearer, All-Seer.' (42:11)]

2. His Angels

(Creatures made of light, invisible to us, and created by Allâh. They perform certain duties assigned to them.)

3. His Books

(The Torah, the Gospel, the Psalms, and the Qur'ân which confirms and fulfills them.)

4. His Messengers

[The Prophets sent to mankind. The first of the Messengers was Noah and the last was Muhammad (peace be upon them all).]

5. The Final Day

(The Day of Resurrection when mankind will be judged.)

6. And to believe in Allâh's Decree (Qadar), both the good and the evil thereof.

(To be content with the fate which Allâh has decreed for us, while taking the precautions and seeking the legal causes that lead to the desired purpose.)"

(Muslim)

(That is: He descends in a way befitting His Majesty, which is unlike the action of any of His creations.)

#### Q.5 Where is Allâh?

- A. Allâh is over the Throne (which is) above the (seventh) heaven. As Allâh says:

﴿الرَّحْمَنُ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ اسْتَوَى﴾

“The Most Beneficent (Allâh) *Istawâ* (rose over) the (Mighty) Throne (in a manner that suits His Majesty).” (20:5)

(That is: He raised Himself above it.)

The Prophet ﷺ said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَتَبَ كِتَابًا قَبْلَ أَنْ يَخْلُقَ الْخَلْقَ ... فَهُوَ  
مَكْتُوبٌ عِنْدَهُ فَوْقَ الْعَرْشِ [رَوَاهُ الْبُخَارِيُّ]

“Allâh wrote out (all things) in a Book before He created the creation...it is written with Him above the Throne.” (*Al-Bukhârî*)

#### Q.6 Is Allâh with us?

- A. Allâh is with us through His Knowledge (of all things). He hears and sees us, as He says:

﴿قَالَ لَا تَخَافَا إِنِّي مَعَكُمَا أَسْمَعُ وَأَرَى﴾

“He (Allâh) said: Fear not. Verily, I am with you both, Hearing and Seeing.” (20:46)

The Prophet ﷺ said:

«إِنَّكُمْ تَدْعُونَ سَمِيعًا قَرِيبًا وَهُوَ مَعَكُمْ» (أَيُّ بَعْلَمِهِ)  
[رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ]

“...You call upon the One Who hears, Who is near, and is with you (i.e. through His Knowledge).” (*Muslim*)

#### Q.7 What is the benefit of affirming Allâh's Oneness (*Tawhîd*)?

- A. It is salvation from eternal punishment in the Hereafter, right guidance in this world, and forgiveness for sins. Allâh, the All-Mighty says:

الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَلَمْ يَلْبِسُوا إِيمَانَهُمْ بِظُلْمٍ أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمُ الْأَمَنُ  
وَهُمْ مُّهْتَدُونَ

“It is those who believe (in the Oneness of Allâh and worship none but Him alone) and they do not mix their belief with *Dhulm* (wrong, i.e. by worshipping others besides Allâh), for them (only) there is security and they are guided.” (6:82)

The Prophet ﷺ said:

«حَقُّ الْعِبَادِ عَلَى اللَّهِ أَنْ لَا يُعَذَّبَ مَنْ لَا يُشْرِكُ بِهِ  
شَيْئًا» [مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ]

“The slaves' right on Allâh is that He will not punish those who do not associate anything as a partner with Him.” (*Al-Bukhârî* and *Muslim*)



﴿ إِنَّهُ مَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الْجَنَّةَ وَمَأْوَهُ  
النَّارُ وَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ أَنْصَارٍ ﴾

“Verily, whosoever sets up partners in worship with Allâh, then Allâh has forbidden Paradise for him, and the Fire will be his abode. And for the *Dhâlimûn* (polytheists and wrongdoers) there are no helpers.” (5:72)

The Prophet ﷺ said:

«مَنْ لَقِيَ اللَّهَ يُشْرِكُ بِهِ شَيْئًا دَخَلَ النَّارَ» [رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ]

“Whoever meets Allâh associating anything with Him will enter the (Hell) Fire.” (*Muslim*)

**Q.21 Are good deeds of any benefit to one who worships others besides Allâh?**

**A.** No, good deeds are of no benefit to those who worship others besides Allâh. Allâh says concerning the Prophets:

﴿ وَلَوْ أَشْرَكُوا لَحِطَ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴾

“But if they had associated partners with Allâh, all that they used to do would have been of no benefit to them.” (6:88)

The Prophet ﷺ said: Allâh says:

«أَنَا أَعْنَى الشُّرَكَاءِ عَنِ الشُّرْكِ، مَنْ عَمِلَ عَمَلًا  
أَشْرَكَ مَعِيَ فِيهِ غَيْرِي، تَرَكْتُهُ وَشِرْكُهُ»

[حَدِيثٌ قُدْسِيٌّ رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ]

“I have no need of partners. Whoever does any deed in which he associates partners with Me, I reject him and his *Shirk* (act of associating partners with Allâh).” (*Hadîth Qudsî*, reported by *Muslim*.)

## VIII. MINOR SHIRK (ASH-SHIRK AL-ASGHAR)

**Q.1 What is Ash-Shirk Al-Asghar?**

**A.** Minor *Shirk* (*Ash-Shirk Al-Asghar*) is to worship Allâh so as to be seen by others. Allâh says:

﴿ فَمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُوا لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ أَحَدًا ﴾

“So whoever hopes for the meeting with his Lord, let him work righteousness and associate none as a partner in the worship of his Lord.” (18:110)

The Prophet ﷺ said:

«إِنَّ أَخَوْفَ مَا أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمُ الشُّرْكَ الْأَصْغَرُ:

الرِّيَاءُ» [صَحِيحٌ رَوَاهُ أَحْمَدُ]

“What I fear most for you all is *Shirk Asghar* (minor *Shirk*) – *Ar-Riyâ*’ (performing worship to be seen by others).” (*Ahmad*, and it is authentic.)

Included in *Ash-Shirk Al-Asghar* is the saying:

“Were it not for so-and-so, and it is Allâh and so-and-so’s will.”

The Prophet ﷺ said:

«لَا تَقُولُوا مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ، وَشَاءَ فَلَانٌ، وَلَكِنْ قُولُوا:

مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ، ثُمَّ شَاءَ فَلَانٌ». [صَحِيحٌ رَوَاهُ أَحْمَدُ]

“Do not say: ‘It is the Will of Allâh and so-and-so,’ rather say, ‘It is the Will of Allâh and then because of so-and-so.’” (*Ahmad*, and it is authentic.)

## X. *JIHÂD* (FIGHTING), *WALÂ'* (LOYALTY) AND *HUKM* (RULE)

**Q.1** What is the status of *Jihâd* for Allâh's sake in Islâm?

A. *Jihâd* (fighting and struggle in the Cause of Allâh) with one's wealth, and speech, according to one's ability is obligatory in Islâm. Allâh says:

﴿ أَنْفِرُوا خِفَافًا وَثِقَالًا وَجَاهِدُوا بِأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَأَنْفُسِكُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ﴾

“March forth, whether you are light (being healthy, young and wealthy) or heavy (being ill, old and poor), strive hard with your wealth and your lives in the Cause of Allâh.” (9:41)

The Prophet ﷺ said:

﴿ جَاهِدُوا الْمُشْرِكِينَ بِأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَأَنْفُسِكُمْ وَالسِّنْتِكُمْ ﴾  
[صَحِيحُ رَوَاهُ أَبُو دَاوُدَ]

“Fight against the idolaters with your wealth, lives and speech.” (That is: according to your ability.) (*Abû Dâwûd*, and it is authentic.)

**Q.2** What is *Walâ'* (friendship, loyalty)?

A. *Walâ'* (friendship, loyalty) is love and help of the faithful believers. Allâh says:

﴿ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتُ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ ﴾

“The believers, men and women, are *Awliyâ'* (helpers, supporters, friends, protectors) of one another.” (9:71)

The Prophet ﷺ said:

﴿ الْمُؤْمِنُ لِلْمُؤْمِنِ كَالْبُنْيَانِ يَشُدُّ بَعْضُهُ بَعْضًا ﴾  
[رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ]

“The faithful believers are as a brick structure, each supporting the other.” (*Muslim*)

**Q.3** Is seeking the friendship and help of the disbelievers permitted?

A. No, seeking the friendship and help of the disbelievers is not permitted. Allâh says:

﴿ وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّهُمْ مِنْكُمْ فَإِنَّهُ مِنْهُمْ ﴾

“And if any amongst you takes them (the Christians and Jews) as *Awliyâ'*, then surely he is one of them...” (5:51)

The Prophet ﷺ said:

﴿ إِنَّ آلَ بَنِي فُلَانٍ لَيْسُوا لِي بِأَوْلِيَاءَ ﴾ [مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ]

“The people of such-and-such clan (a tribe of disbelievers) are not my supporters (*Awliyâ'*).” (*Al-Bukhârî* and *Muslim*)

**Q.4** Who is a *Walî* (friend)?

A. A *Walî* is a true believer, who fears and loves Allâh very much. Allâh says:



### XIII. THE PRAYER (INVOCATION)

#### WHICH IS ANSWERED

1. Allâh's Messenger ﷺ said:

«مَا أَصَابَ عَبْدًا هَمٌّ وَلَا حُزْنٌ فَقَالَ: «اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي عَبْدُكَ، وَابْنُ عَبْدِكَ وَابْنُ أَمَتِكَ، نَاصِيَتِي بِيَدِكَ، مَاضٍ فِيَّ حُكْمُكَ، عَدْلٌ فِيَّ قَضَاؤُكَ، أَسْأَلُكَ بِكُلِّ اسْمٍ هُوَ لَكَ، سَمَّيْتَ بِهِ نَفْسَكَ، أَوْ أَنْزَلْتَهُ فِي كِتَابِكَ، أَوْ عَلَّمْتَهُ أَحَدًا مِنْ خَلْقِكَ، أَوْ اسْتَأْثَرْتَ بِهِ فِي عِلْمِ الْغَيْبِ عِنْدَكَ أَنْ تَجْعَلَ الْقُرْآنَ رِيعَ قَلْبِي، وَتُورَ بَصَرِي، وَجَلَاءَ حُزْنِي، وَذَهَابَ هَمِّي وَغَمِّي، إِلَّا أَذْهَبَ اللَّهُ هَمَّهُ وَحُزْنَهُ، وَأَبْدَلَهُ مَكَانَهُ فَرَحًا»  
[صَحِيحُ رَوَاهُ أَحْمَدُ وَابْنُ جِبَانَ]

If a worshipper is struck by grief or sorrow and says this prayer, Allâh will drive away his grief and sorrow and give him happiness in its place:

"Allâh I am Your slave, the son of Your male and female slaves, my forelock is in Your Hand, Your Decision is effective over me, and just is Your Judgement. I ask You by each of Your Names by which You have called Yourself or revealed in Your Book, or which You have taught to one of

Your creatures, or which You have chosen to keep in Your Secret Knowledge, to make the Qur'ân the joy of my heart, the light of my eyes, the removal of my grief and that which drives away my sorrow, thus replacing it with happiness." (*Ahmad and Ibn Hibbân*, and it is authentic.)

2. Prayer of Yûnus (Jonah) in the belly of the whale:

﴿لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ﴾

"*Lâ ilâha illa Anta* [none has the right to be worshipped but You (Oh Allâh), glorified (and exalted) are You [above all that (evil) they associate with You]. Truly, I have been of the wrongdoers." (21:87)

«لَمْ يَدْعُ بِهَا رَجُلٌ مُسْلِمٌ فِي شَيْءٍ إِلَّا اسْتَجَابَ اللَّهُ لَهُ»  
[صَحِيحُ رَوَاهُ أَحْمَدُ وَغَيْرُهُ]

"A Muslim man does not supplicate with this prayer except that Allâh will answer it." (*Ahmad and others*, and it is authentic.)

3. If the Prophet ﷺ was sorrowful he used to pray:

«يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ أَسْتَغِيْثُ» [حَسَنُ رَوَاهُ التِّرْمِذِيُّ]

"Ever Living, Everlasting (Allâh), in Your Mercy I seek help." (*At-Tirmidhî* and it is good.)